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## *Thinking Out Loud*

Harley M. Leete, Jr., ensign in the U. S. Navy, and now based somewhere in Great Britain writes of his visit to the village of Luss on the banks of Loch Lomond and at the foot of Ben Lomond. To his parents he tells of his experiences and impressions. The letter in part follows:

By H. M. L. Jr.

"I've just gotten back from a week end leave which I spent at Loch Lomond with one of my hutmates. We arrived at the Loch early Saturday afternoon at a village called Luss, at the upper end of the Loch, which is the scenic area. We arrived by bus — "The Bus to Luss" — that phrase delights me. We had one of the most interesting week ends I've ever spent. The Loch, Ben Lomond, the mountain on its shores, and the glens and braes of the Loch are utterly transcendently beautiful and so is the wild highland weather. Wild it is and gusty and changeable.

"We had heard, before, good reports of the inn there at Luss. It's called the Calquohoun Arms pronounced Cahoon, of course) and it's a delightful little inn with a slate roof, dormer windows, hundreds of chimneys and scads of atmosphere. It's owned by the head of the Colquohoun clan, one Seventh Bart of Colquohoun and Luss. More of this later.

"We sallied out to see the Loch. We went down the main street of the beautiful little village to the pier which is on the Loch itself. On the way down we stopped in the little general store (every thing in these Scotch villages is on sort of an itsy-bitsy scale — tiny homes, gardens, stores, church and son on.) Each little house in the village is sort of a little rustic jewel, set in its little jewel-box of a garden. The roses only stopped blooming here last week. Each tiny cottage is as well-kept as can be, neat as a pin and has a lovely air of hominess, contentedness and permanence. You know how you can sort of classify American homes as to about when they were built and how much they cost—well you can't these — none of them have either an air of wealth or poverty. They impressed me as being sort of the archtype of the word "home." It's hard to imagine them being planned and built. They look as if they just sort of grew there, each springing into life fullgrown with its wee hedge and garden in front of it.

"When we stopped in the store, a buxom, fat "lahsie" there fell into small talk with us as we purchased some postcards. She told us that there was to be a dance in the town that night — a country dance with all the old-fashioned highland reels and so forth. We said, hmm, and mentally filed it for further reference. We then went on through the town and down to the Loch and the pier where in the summer time they rent boats for fishing for salmon and steelheads and monsters, too, no doubt. The Loch is long and narrow and across from Luss towers Ben Lomond, Scotland's proudest mountain and standing 3,167 in its stocking feet. It's a strange, round beautiful mountain, and there was snow on it. You ought to get a map and look at Loch Lomond and the vicinity. Loch Lomond Edinburgh and Glasgow are in the same latitude as Moscow and Labrador so you can imagine that December is not balmy. The countryside is utterly beautiful.

"There are so many deep and beautiful colors in the hills and glades. The green is a very bright green, green as the brightest green in California in the early spring, and then there are all shades of russet and yellow and brown and purple in the distance and the little water falls sparkling cold and white and tumbling down beside the road. There are funny little sheep with wool at least a foot long that drags on the ground beside their tiny, black-wool-stockinged legs. They're grotesque beyond description. And

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## WARD SHELDON TO HEAD FOURTH WAR LOAN DRIVE

The Fourth War Loan Drive in Nevada City will be headed by District Attorney Ward Sheldon, who directed the campaign for the third loan. He is now getting his organization ready and will shortly announce his committee assistants.

## BURTON TUEL TO SPEND 6 MONTHS IN COUNTY JAIL

Burton Tuel, who pleaded guilty to burglary Monday, Thursday appeared in the superior court for sentence. His attorney, Harry M. McKee, moved that he permitted to change his plea of guilty in the first degree to guilty in the second. This motion was granted. Judge George L. Jones then sentenced him to six months in the county jail.

Tuel was arrested 10 days ago for stealing automobile tools from his employer, the San Clara Grading Company, the Studebaker Garage in Hills Flat and from others. In taking the tools from the garage he admitted having broken through a rear window. Investigation of his record resulted in finding that he had been convicted of a felony in Oregon.

## WILD ANIMAL CROP IN STATE STILL LARGE

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 17.—Predatory animal hunters and trappers of the State Division of Fish and Game trapped a total of 2755 coyotes, 591 bobcats, and 1,580 other predators during the year 1943. This force, consisting of an average of twenty two men, works throughout the state wherever predators are reported to be doing damage to game. Many of these trappers use horses as a means of transportation, and those who go into the more remote sections have trailers equipped so that they can live where other means of habitation are not available.

Four of these trappers also took six lions during the year, in addjtion to the forty lions taken by the three regular state lion hunters.

During 1943 a total of 150 mountain lions were turned in for bounty. Seventy five of these were male and 75 females, on which $3,750 was paid out in bounties by the State Division of Fish and Game. Last year the total lion kill was 162, of which 77 wer males and 85 females.

## GAS TAX RETURNS DROPS A FIFTH

SACRAMENTO, Jan. 17.—Registering the largest drop in monthly collections since March, California gasoline taxes for November are $1,160,134 under those for the same month in 1942, marking a decline of 21.75 per cent.

The State Board of Equalization, made this revelation here today upon completion of a tax assessment of $4,174,819 based on distribution of 139,160,634 gallons of motor fuel during November. Explaining that this marked drop had affected adversely estimates for 1943 collections, the board reported:

"Total gasoline taxes for the first eleven months of 1943 are $44,810,573. This figure is $8,655,169 under the corresponding amount last year. It means that, barring unexpected improvement the yield for the entire year 1943 may not exceed $49,000,000, which is barely as large as the total for the first ten months of 1942.

"Indications are that with fuel shortages and more rigid rationing, California's highway revenues derived from gasoline tax collections will continue to decrease within the immediate future, and that the gap between the 1941 revenues, which reached an all time high of $63,661,175, and those for the war time years will widen even further."

## MINERAL OUTPUT OF STATE SHOWS SHARP RISE

The total value of the mineral production of California for the year 1943, just closed, is conservatively estimated by the Statistical Section of the Division of Mines, Department of Natural Resources, under the direction of Walter W. Bradley, State Mineralogist, to have been $419,536,000. This is party detailed in the tabulation below, but there are more than sixty mineral substances on California's commercial list. Figures on the most important items only are available at this early date. The production report forms are being mailed to the operators in all mineral lines and the detailed and completed report will be compiled and published later.

The estimated total of $419,536,000 is an increase of approximately $10,798,000 over the 1942 total value of $408,738,434. The principal substance showing increases in total value over the previous year were petroleum, natural gas, copper, quicksilver, tungsten ore, iron ore, chromite, manganese ore, and brick. Decreases in total value in important mineral substances were registered by gold, cement, miscellaneous stone, silver

The total petroleum output showed an increase of 36,169,000 barrels or 14.5% in amount and 20% in value over that of 1942. The estimated quantity of crude oil was 283,660,000 barrels for the year. At the end of March there was an increase in the price of all grades of crude oil, which was an average of six cents a barrel. Natural gas showed an increase in both amount and value of that utilized compared with previous year.

Reports of the mint and smelters show the output of gold to be the smallest of any year since 1848, which was due to the WPB's mine closing order L-208 of October 8, 1942. Practically all other metals, including copper, chromite, lead, iron ore, manganese ore, molybdenum ore, quicksilver and tungsten ore, showed an increased output during the year, with the exception of silver and platinum metals. The output of copper, chromite, quicksilver and tungsten ore each exceeded the million dollar mark, as well as that of gold. Of the structural group only brick and hollow building tile showed an increase in total value. Cement and miscellaneous stone registered marked decreases in both amount and value from 1942. Under the miscellaneous industrial group, there were many increases and decreases in total outputs, with the group as a whole showing a slight increase in total value. The saline group as a whole showed an increase in total value.

## DE WITT HOSPITAL EXPECTED TO OPEN IN FEB.

AUBURN, Jan. 17.—Supplies for the DeWitt general hospital are arriving in Auburn at the rate of four cars per week. They are being unloaded at the Southern Pacific depot in Auburn and transported by truck to the hospital grounds.

Latest equipment to arrive was room furnishings for 169 rooms in the nurses quarters at the DeWitt. The chief nurse with five regular nurses are scheduled to arrive at the hospital on or before the first of February. This group will be the first of the 231 nurses who are expected to be on the job at the DeWitt when it is operating at full capacity.

Col. William Smith returned to his post as commanding officer at the hospital this morning after an basence of several days at the headquarters of the ninth service command in Salt Lake City, Utah.

Colonel Smith predicts the DeWitt hospital will be ready to receive and administer to regular patients the middle of February, providing supplies and operating personnel continue to arrive on schedule.

Excavation work for the laundry building is proceeding and the hospital grounds and buildings are being placed in condition.

### Coroner Hooper Reports On Sudden Deaths

Coroner Alvah Hooper reports that during 1944 he had charge in 23 cases of sudden death or death by violence. Ten deaths due to heart attacks or paralysis occured without medical attention. Seven were due to traffic accidents, which despite war shortages of rubber and gasoline, is approximately Nevada County's normal average.

Other deaths were two suicides, two accidental drownings, one homicide and one accidental homicide.

### Miss Helen Wild Is Secretary To His Honor

Miss Helen L. Wild, a native of thiscity and graduate of its schools, is secretary to Mayor Roger D. Lapham of San Francisco. Miss Wild is a sister of the Mrs. Joseph E. Huy of 320 Adams street.

Miss Wild, Mrs. Huy states, has been secretary of Lapham for the past 20 years while he was an executive of the Hawaiian California Steamship Company. With his rise to the mayorality of San Francisco she will continue to be his personal secretary.

Miss Wild graduated from the Nevada City High School in same class as did the late Congressman, Harry L. Englebright.

### Martin Wasley House Burns In Grass Valley

A two story house belonging to Martin Wasley on Bennett street one block outside the city limits burned to the ground early Friday morning. The three fire companies all resopnded to the alarm turned in at 3 a. m. by the police.

The house was occupied by Warrant Officer Ralph P. Beach, his wife and seven children. All their personal belongings were lost but none of the family was injured. The fire had gained such headway before the alarm was turned in that the fire men found it impossible to save anything.

### Funeral Service For Late Harry Ramsden

Funeral services held this morning in the chapel of Holmes Funeral home for the late Harry Ramsden, who passed away Saturday morning at his home, 231 A Nevada Street. Rev. David Ralston conducted the service. Interment was in North San Juan Cemetery.

Ramsden, a native of Yorkshire, England, was 69 years of age. He had lived in Nevada City for two years. He came to the United States when he was 34 and for a number of years was in charge of the Mill Valley Golf Club in Marine County. In 1936 with his family he removed to North San Juan, Nevada County.

Surviving are his wife, Lovinia Ramsden, a daughter, Mrs. Nellie Uhrig and grandmother, Mrs. John R. MacDonald, all of this city.

### Mrs. Eva McKnight Hostess To Utah Friend

Mrs. Clara F. Murdock of Milford, Utah, arrived Thursday from Auburn and spent several days as the guest of her friend, Mrs. Eva McKnight of Boulder street. Her son, who has been employed in crystal mining in Arkansas for the U. S. government, came through Utah and brought his mother to California. The son also enjoyed a deer hunting trip in the Beaver mountains in Utah before returning home. Mrs. Murdock has been visiting relatives in Bakersfield, Sacramento and Auburn and is now in Yuba City visiting a grandson. Mrs. McKnight and Mrs. Murdock were early day friends in a mining camp in Utah and have kept in touch with each other for 25 years.

## L. THORNDYKE BORNE TO REST

Larkin Woodbery Thorndyke, who passed away ——— morning, was borne to rest Friday following funeral services in the Holmes Funeral Home. Rev. Mark Pike conducted the service. Interment was in the Greenwood Cemetery.

The deceased lacked ten days of his 91st birthday. He was a native of Rockland, Maine. His vocation was mining and 58 years of his life had been spent in California. He formerly resided on Cedar Ridge on the Colfax Road.

One additional staff car arrived at the hospital during the past week.

## STATE CHAMBER HITS NATIONAL SERVICE PLAN

Enactment of national service legislation, conscripting labor, as recommended by the president in his message to congress, would be a futile gesture unless and until existing abuses which prevent full utilization of the manpower now available are corrected.

This viewpoint, expressing the policy of the California State Chamber of Commerce, was set forth in a statement issued by Preston Hotchkiss, president.

"The California State Chamber of Commerce," Hotchkiss, said 'has consistently opposed passage of any law conscripting labor unless and until it has been demonstrated to the people of the country that certain and specific corrective measures have been put into effect, and that these measures have failed to solve the problem of manpower shortage.

"Furthermore, enactment of such a law without these corrective measures would be ineffective. There is no evidence showing that effective national action has been taken to deal with well recognized abuses lying at the foundation of present difficulties. Therefore, we believe no law conscripting labor should be passed by congress at the present time."

Reasons for opposing national service legislation were stated by Hotchkiss as follows:

1 Demand for its passage grows out of administrative shortcomings in present handling of the manpower problem. If these shortcomings were corrected, much of the trouble would be eliminated at the source and the legislation would probably be unnecessary.

2 Inability of existing agencies to deal effectively with these problems offers little assurance that the same agencies would administer national service legislation with any greater effectiveness, and little hope that the creation of any new agencies would solve the problem.

3 The people of this nation have overwhelmingly demonstrated that they will voluntarily follow clear cut and well administered plans for all out prosecution of the war.

4 There is no assurance either in principle or in fact that a labor conscription act will prevent strikes.

5 Such national service legislation would be completely unworkable.

"Corrective measures which have been consistently advocated by the State Chamber and many other groups to bring about fullest utilization of existing manpower," Hotchkiss said, "are the removal by congressional action of artificial restrictions and penalties on maximum output and elimination of waste hoarding, excessive turnover and non essential employment of available manpower."

As illustration of the peace time practices which must be eliminated if all the country's manpower is to be available, Hotchkiss cited the payment of overtime for all work over 40 instead of 48 hours per week; the hiring and hoarding of excessive labor; continuance of "feather-bedding" and "make-work" practices; failure to effect improvements and economics in production on the part of both management and labor.

"Where action along these lines has been taken on a voluntary basis, in various regions of the country," Hotchkiss said, "the results have thoroughly demonstrated their effectiveness, and the practicability of applying them on a nation wide basis."

### Leland S. Smith Teaches Soldiers To Ski

Leland S. Smith, assistant supervisor of Tahoe National Forest in charge of grazing, and expert skier, spent Friday with Capt. John A. Aubuchon, stationed at Camp Beale and large contingent of soldiers at the McClelland Field Lodge at Donner Summit. It is understood McClelland loaned its lodge to the Camp Beale soldiers while they learn to ski.

Smith is teaching the soldiers. He has had many years of valuable experience in going places on skis, for beside supervising grazing permits, he also assists in snow measurements at different altitudes and is charged with taking a wild animal census annually in the dead of winter.

## ANNUAL SCOUT COUNCIL MEET JAN. 30, AUBURN

Announcement was made today by Alvin F. Carveth, general chairman of the annual meeting, that this function would take place on Sunday, January 30th at 1 p. m. Hotel Auburn, in the form of a luncheon meeting.

The program will include: committee reports, approval of charter application, report of nominating committee, resolutions committee, election and installation of council officers, executive board members and members at large, veteran and training awards, silver Beavers.

It is expected that this "streamlined session," which will be for men only, and limited to seventy five (due to food rationing and war conditions) will afford Cubbers and the Scouters and other men interested in the movement an opportunity to see what has been accomplished during the past year, and also to participate in laying plans for 1944 in developing plans and opportunities for this year. Representation from the regional office, as well as neighboring councils are expected.

Alvin Carveth, general chairman and president James R. Johnson, will share in presiding over sections of the general luncheon gathering. Letters with tickets ($1.25 per plate) will be sent to unit chairmen (suggesting that pack and troop committees have cubmasters and scoutmasters as their guests.) to executive board members and other friends of scouting. In view of the limit on attendance, the chairman has urged all to make reservations by January 26th.

## HARRY POOLE TO HEAD BIRTHDAY BALL COMMITTEE

Harry Poole has been named chairman of Grass Valley's committee in charge of the President's Birthday Ball, which will be given in the Veterans Memorial Building on the night of January 29th.

C. H. Barker, county chairman, states that proceeds of the ball and the March of Dimes will be divided equally between the Warms Springs Foundation for Infantile Paralysis and a local fund for prevention and cure of this scourge.

From the 1943 campaign, Barker states, Nevada County last year received $766.85. During the year two cases in the county were hospitalized and a brace was purchased for a local victim of the disease.

### Rebekah and Odd Fellows Install Officers

Delegations of Rebekahs and Odd Fellows from Grass Valley, Auburn, Colfax and Dutch Flat attended the installation of officers of the Nevada Rebekah and Oustomah Lodges, I. O. O. F. in this city Saturday night.

Neva Rebekah Lodge seated Edna Hanson, past noble grand; Lila Day, noble grand; Geneva Cooper, vice grand; Phyllis Pooler, chaplain; Minnie Sandow, recording secretary; Lula Jones, financial secretary; Mary Hoskins, treasurer; Maude Hayes, musician; Ruth Svenson, warden; Pauline Mullis, conductor; Annie Richards, right supporter to noble grand; Hilda Risley, left supporter to noble grand; Nettie Gildersleeve, right supporter to vice grand; Minnie Young, left supporter to vice grand; Diane Popovich, guardian; Cary Arbogast, outside guardian.

Installed by Oustomah Lodge were C. T. Worthley, past noble grand; Carl Swendsen, noble grand; Harry Douglas, vice grand, William H. Richards, recording secretary; John W. Darke, financial secretary; Walter A. Carlson, treasurer; E. L. Towle, warden, Ray Murchie, conductor; Ludwig Netz, outside guard; C. T. Worthley, inside guard; Cary S. Arbogast, right support for noble grand; Chester Peterson, left support for noble grand; P. C. Peterson, right support for the vice grand; Clyde Browning, left support for the vice grand; Jonathan Pascoe, chaplain; C. S. Arbogast, C. T. Worthley and Jonathan Pascoe, trustees.

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## JUST WONDERIN'

I wonder how I best may serve
The freedoms which are mine.
I use them freely day by day,
But make of gratitude no sign—
A poor return, I now confess,
For all the freedoms I possess.

I wonder how we of the home front may best serve the freedoms which we are privileged to use and to enjoy. How should we express our deep appreciation of the liberties of thought, speech and action and the protection afforded us in the exercise thereof.

Can it be that our inherent rights of "life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness" are often taken too much for granted? These are privileges which we have always enjoyed; we use them as we see fit, but how often do we pause to consider their intrinsic values or to ask of ourselves, "how may I serve these rights, guaranteed my by the Constitution and secured to me by the laws of this, my native land."

We some times hear immature young things say, "this is my life, I have the right to live it as I choose." This is not true; a moment's reflection would convince even the most unthinking, that one cannot live to himself alone. The privileges of life entail responsibilities. To live well, is to serve, not one's own whims and fancies alone, but to bring to the art of living something which will make all life more beautiful and true.

Our thoughts are our own; but when they go wandering they might be brought back into constructive channels so that in some measure they may contribute to the cause of human understanding, harmony and fraternity.

Free dom of speech should certainly be served. We shall hear it used with too great a degree of freedom in the months to come and we shall realize that the power of speech may be served by using it with a bit of restraint. Speech may be served by making it somewhat less free; by remembering that "words are things," and by at least thinking twice before reborting to unlicensed diatribes. Truly "thoughts are things" and the man who gives to his language the license to outrage his soul, is controlled by the words which he seeks to control. Especial freedom of speech is the concern of every individual and keeping a guard upon one's lips was never more important than it is at the present time.

I wonder why so many labor unionists are shocked by the idea of a national service act. They themselves have been urgently inviting it by broken pledges, various strikes and threats of bigger and better strikes to come. The patience of a long suffering public and an indulgent president is at an end. That threatened tie up of the nation's transportation system was the last straw.

Of course the railroad brotherhoods didn't intend to strike—not really. They took the strike vote and set the dead line as a sort of joke; but how were we to know they didn't mean business? We gave the boys credit for being wiser than to dash out into the path of an onrushing train just to say "booh!" Especially when the big train was running on schedule and just couldn't be stopped.

If a National Service Act will stop some of the small boy play, by all means let's have it.—A. Merriam Conner.

## BACK THE INVASION!

Over in Britain, in Africa and Italy, grimly-determined American fighting men are waiting for the zero hour when they will be called on to open a second front and participate in the invasion that we all hope will mark the beginning of the end of the war in Europe. What they will go through in that furious assault we can't begin to duplicate here on the home front, no matter what sacrifices we may make, but certainly we can and must back the invasion with every dollar we can possibly put into war bonds.

Out on the Pacific front, too, the long march to Tokyo is on, and even though we have much farther to go before we end that phase of the war, MacArthur's men are making galant headway—and paying for it in sweat and blood and tears. They, too, certainly deserve every last bit of support we can give them, even though it hurts; even though we have to do without to provide it.

It's well that we think of those men now, because on January 18 the Fourth War Loan Drive is scheduled to start—a drive to raise 14 billion dollars in less than 30 days. More than 5 1-2 billion of that huge amount must come from individual purchasers, if we are to raise our full quota. We expect our fighting men to take their objectives; we would be shocked and unbelieving if they failed. The very least we can do, under the circumstances, is to supply them with the ammunition and every piece of modern battle equipment which they need to do the job.

Let's back the invasion with everything we have. Let's get this war over with as soon as humanly possible. And one of the best ways to do that is to buy war bonds — and buy them with every last dollar we can spare!—Contributed.

## HITLER'S LAST YEAR

There is increasing speculation throughout the world over what the fates have in store for Hitler when his Nazi regime crumbles. Military anaylsts, correspondents and editorial writers are all seemingly agreed that he will come to a violent end, either by his own hand or at the hands of the German generals he has commanded. Few think he will live to face a war-guilt trial board—and that probably, is true.

We will make no prophesy as to how the mad man of Berlin will die. There are many ways he might die that have not been generally discussed. A British or an American bomb

might finish him off. If revolt sweeps Germany, a mob might hang him from a lampost, if there are still any lamposts left standing in the Rhineland.

But we will venture this prophecy—that this is Hitler's last year; that before the year is done the world will be well rid of him. His armies may win him a reprieve of a few months, but the death sentence has been passed— and there is no power on earth, in all probability, that can give him even a twelve months' stay of execution—Contributed.

## PROHIBITION AGAIN?

"Wets" and "drys" are manning their guns again—and jaded Washington, always in search of new excitement, is in a great dither over congressional hearings on a bill to bring back prohibition. There are the usual arguments over Monday morning hangovers in war plants versus personal liberties, et cetera, and heated exchanges between spokesmen for the liquor industry and anti-Saloon League.

We will not venture to guess what will come out of it, other than congressional oratory. But we would risk this prediction—that if we get war-time prohibition again the profiteers and buccaneers in the liquor industry will be responsible for it, rather than the crusading dry law organizations. Gyp joints, peddling watered drinks, and back market operators selling $2 whiskey at from $6 to $10 a bottle, have probably done more to agitate the country than Monday morning absenteeism in war plants.

We don't think the "drys" are strong enough to bring back prohibition but we're not so sure about the "wets."—Contributed.

## "THIS IS IT"

When soldiers of our armed forces go into battle—when the task force finally locks horns with the enemy fleet—when the invasion barges go over the side to the accompaniment of a barrage of enemy machine guns, the boys have phrase for it.

"This is it," they say.

What they mean is that this is the final decisive moment. The training and the waiting, the long months of preparation are over and the battle is joined. It's now—or else.

Well, that's the way it is with us at home. The Fourth War Loan Drive has opened. The challenge has been laid at our feet. It's up to us, up to each one of us. This is it.

Throughout the nation, we must buy 14 billion dollars of war bonds and 5 1-2 billion dollars of those must represent the investments of individuals.

In Northern California, we are faced with a request to buy $408,000,000 in War Bonds and $209,000,000 of those must be bought by individuals.

That's the task. The rest is up to us.

General Eisenhower as well as other allied military leaders has promised that the war in Europe can end this year—if the home front does its job So—this is it. It's up to us.

Let's All Back the Attack!

## THINKING OUT LOUD

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then you see the farmers with their heavy boots and rough clothing, plowing behind the small, shaggy, rugged Scotch horses.

"After we left the pier we went to a little church that was very old, and had extremely beautiful stained glass windows, all apparently donated by the Colquohoun family. You'd go out of your head over here—everything is antique. We gazed about the church for a few minutes and read a few of the quaint grave stones in God's Little Acre outside. Then we set out for a walk up some country lanes, chatting merrily and observing the farm folk about their daily chores.

After about an hour of this we came back and registered at the Colquohoun Arms.

"We met an old Scotch gentleman in the main room of the inn, a semi-permanent resident there by the name of Edwin Wilson, who had traveled about the world a good bit and who had made twenty nine crossings of the Atlantic, to and from his large coffee interests in Trinidad. He was a very interesting chap, tall with one of those ruddy wrinkled apple faces and a white moustache. Very prosperous fellow, dressed in a Harris tweed suit made with knickers (that is quite the fashion in the Highlands—that and kilts. He told us the accurate story of the origin of the song "On the Bonnie, Bonnie Banks of Loch Lomond."

"The young man in the story was a handsome chap, a stout follower and right hand man of Bonnie Prince Charlie, a man still devoutely revered by the Scots as a dashing expression of their national character. Bonnie Prince Charlie, called the Pretender, once pretended to the English throne. He organized quite a war party, and quite an intrigue, and with his followers went south to Carlyle to further his interests. The young rich hand man was apprehended by the king's agents while they were in Carlyle and sentenced to be executed. He had left behind him a true love, a lovely lady who lived near Loch Lomond. Somehow she got word of the impending execution, and through much effort wangled an interview with him. From there on the story is as I told it in my last letter. It was at Carlyle that Prince Charlie's pretensions were finally stalemated. Thereafter he lived a drunkard's life and died a drunkard's death. Price Charlie was a remarkably, handsome, dashing fellow, terrifically popular with the Scotch. The sight of him in his kilts is something they still talk about around Loch Lomond.

## POSTMASTER EXAMINATION FOR ALLEGHANY

The United States Civil Service Commission has issued notice that an examination will be held sometime after February 4th to fill the position of fourth class postmaster at Alleghany, Sierro County, All applications must be made prior to that date.

The salary listed for this post is $1100 per annum, which will be increased temporarily by 15 per cent. The examination is open to all citizens between 21 and 65 years of age who live in the territory served by the Alleghany postoffice.

Mrs. Madge Ayers has recently been acting as postmaster.

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# COURT UPHOLDS FUNDAMENTAL PRINCIPLES

By RALPH H. TAYLOR

America seems to be regaining some of its good common sense, including American judges and the American congress — and for that, all America should be thankful!

Forgetting that most of the governmental principles which have made this country strong were born in the most turbulent period in American history—during and just after the Revolution—both our courts and our legislators have evidenced a disposition during the present emergency to abrogate fundamental American rights on the ground that the nation was at war.

Encouraged by this laxity, scores of governmental bureaus have sought to relegate to themselves law making powers which they do not possess—and have then sought to constitute themselves prosecutors, judges and juries—with the result that sound, American, constitutional government was in serious jeopardy.

But apparently the people's revolt against such high handed tactics has finally communicated itself to the legal and legislative branches of the government. For recently a special legislative committee of the House of Representatives, headed by Congressman Howard Smith of Virginia, vigorously denounced the OPA for setting up "mock courts" for enforcement of rationing orders—and for committing various acts of "unlawful search, seizure and arrest." and arrogating vast powers to itself never authorized by law.

On the heels of that action by a congressional investigating committee have come several judicial rebukes to the Office of Price Administration which indicate that perhaps America is taking the first steps on the road back to honest, constitutional government.

Granting the motions of Attorney Morris Lavine to suppress and return evidence and to dismiss the treble-damage action instituted by the OPA against the Glick Brothers Lumber Company of Los Angeles, Federal Judge Peirson M. Hall made this significant ruling:

"I think that the OPA has no right, either in a civil case or a criminal case, to go into a man's place of business, or his home, and there examine or take from him records of his business or his personal records.

(The jurist, in this regard, reminded the OPA that it could gain its evidence legally—by lawfully obtained subpoenas.)

"I am mindful of the arguments that were made by the government of the necessity for maintaining all of the guards against inflation, but at the same time I cannot escape the thought that the Bill of Rights was written into the Constitution of the United States by men who had just fought a war.

"They themselves had completed fighting the War of the Revolution, and drafted the Constitution and wrote the Bill of Rights. I think they were just as conscious of the necessity for winning wars as we are today.

"Moreover, I think they had actual experience in winning one, and saw the necessity for preserving the rights which they delineated in the Constitution and the Bill of Rights—and I think we still have the capacity to win wars without destroying those rights."

Judge Hall, by that decision, has set an example for other jurists who recognize that fundamental American principles cannot be trampled on without serious consequences. In effect, he said that officials who violate the law are in a poor position to enforce the law against others.

Returning to the Smith congressional investigating committee, that body declared:

"The committee finds that the OPA has assumed unauthorized powers to legislate by regulation and has, by misinterpretation of Acts of Congress, set up a nation wide system of judicial tribunals through which this executive agency judges the actions of American citizens relative to its own orders and regulations, and imposes drastic and unconstitutional penalties upon those citizens, depriving them in certain instances of vital rights and liberties without due process of law.

"A revision and simplification of the rules, regulations and orders of that agency is an immediate necessity. The illegal, absurd, useless and conflicting regulations are creating such great confusion that it is impossible for the average citizen to know how to comply. This situation inevitably tends to bring the law into contempt and ridicule and creates widespread indignation and resentment. Such an unfortunate situation will ultimately lead to a complete breakdown of the price control law and necessarily retard the effective prosecution of the war."

It is heartening to find federal judges and congressional investigating committees thus reminding us of the basic principles of our Americanism—and insisting on their observance. We earnestly hope that other judges and other congressional groups will follow suit.

# RED CROSS CARES FOR TIRED U. S. FIGHTING PILOTS

To avert serious combat or flight fatigue after a series of bombing or combat missions, Army aviators overseas now are ordered to Rest Homes staffed with Red Cross recreational and administrative personnel.

They are real homes, comfortable, or even luxurious, with American women as hostesses and companions for the nerve-frazzled men. Located in terrain as different as can be found from that of the airbases from which the men come; in hotels, summer resorts, fine old estates and the schools, the men probably for the first time in months doff uniforms for slacks and sweaters, and settle down to relax and rest.

There is no set schedule of activities. The men are tired and when they first arrive tend to sleep late, eat, read and walk—and then sleep more.

A lazy man's breakfast is provided in the kitchen, perhaps by a little old lady cook who likes to humor individual palates. Tea is served in the lounge at four—tea with no tea—the men like coffee, cake and pie. Sunday morning breakfast is at ten thirty. Icebox raids are the custom.

There are good books to read, fishing, alone or with a good companion, moonlight cruises, or horseback rides. In a rest home in North Africa an ingenious recreational worker organizes wild boar hunts. Here, too, the men discovered a briar pipe fill on the edge of the town, the largest outlet for pipes shipped to America. A hospitable manager allows the men to rove there at will, has refused money for his pipes, and is teaching these cigarette smoking youngsters the joys of a good pipe.

One Rest Home in the South Pacific has become, among other things, a veritable Arts Club. Sketching parties and easel painting are so popular that they stage are exhibits every two weeks. This Home is music minded too, a hill-billy band, a symphony or explorations in native music preoccupy many of the group.

Above all there is good talk and good listening. Red Cross workers who understand the Army and Navy and are sharing with these men at least a modicum of the hazards and hardships of war, make good listeners should a man want to take down his hair, or to engage his fellows in philosophical discussion far into the night.

And when such a vacation is over, the haggard lines of strain are gone from faces of the men. Every flyer with a day's journey between him and his base, carries with him a box of home cooked lunch—a sort of tangible evidence of concern for his comfort even after he leaves to return to action again.

# C. B. GRENFELL TO HEAD LOAN DRIVE IN GRASS VALLEY

C. B. Grenfell will be chairman of the fourth war loan drive, assisted by E. M. Rector, William Durbrow, Fred W. Nobs, Ernest George and J. E. Keegan.

It is proposed to begin the sale of bonds immediately. The county quota not yet broken down for the several communities, is $1,015,953, in the following classifications: Series E war bonds (individuals $473,315;) series F and G savings bonds $204,819; other bonds $70,876; corporation purchases $264,946. Grass Valley's proportion of these figures will be between 50 and 60 per cent.

TOMPSON—In Grass Valley, Nevada County, January 11, 1944, infant son of Lieut. and Mrs. W. I. Thompson of Colfax, Placer County. Funeral services were private.

DEATH

The salary of members of the British House of Commons is 600 pounds a year, about $2500 at present exchange rates, compared to America's congressmens $10,000 a year.

# HALF BILLION ADDED TO BANK AMER. DEPOSITS

Reporting to stockholders of Bank of America at the annual meeting in San Francisco this week, president L. M. Giannini said that a most constructive development of 1843 was the extent to which the American people built up their individual back logs of savings. "Depositors in this bank alone added over half a billion dollars to their financial resources through additions to savings and purchases of war savings bonds," he said. "Such substantial savings will create business and jobs by providing purchasing power when consumer goods can again flow freely."

After reviewing the unprecedented growth in Bank of America's resources, deposits and investments as revealed in the year end statement of condition, Giannini warned that war progress in 1943 canot be taken as meaning the worst is over. "It only means that we can eventually win victory—if we will," he asserted. "Hard won advantage must not now be lost by mistaking progress toward victory for victory achieved. In matters of production and self-sacrifice our first consideration must continue to be the needs of our fighting men, without any qualifications whatsoever."

Of the future, he declared: "'Our heroic boys and girls must not return to a home unprepared to give them all they have fought for and won. Clearly this makes postwar planning our present responsibility."

The goal of such planning he said must be full employment, with a natoinal income close to the present level. He stated that reestablishment of small business enterprises figures prominently in the bank's planning and offered the view that prevailing values of labor, commodities and merchandise must be maintained.

"Reduced values for labor and goods, while increasing the purchasing power of the dollar, would, I apprehend, precipitate depression and endanger our nation"s integrity" he declared.

He emphasized the need for prompt settlement of war contracts upon their cancellation to prevent perilous delay to peace time production and employment adjustment. Change over in production from war to civilian goods should be effected as uniformly as possible, both geographically and as to industries, or irreparable damage would be caused on the Pacific Coast by keeping its industries on full war production in the war's latter stages while the rest of the nation resumed civilian production. Banks must be ready, and permitted, to exercise their normal functions of financing private enterprise without subsidized governmental competition.

## Victim Of Thug Is Well Known In County

The late James Cuff, brother of Mrs. R. D. Dorris of 423 Broad street Nevada City, who died as a result of an attack by a thug in Sacramento, was well known in this section and as late as last summer spent considerable time here and in the Shady Creek area where he visited with his nephew and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Langley Dorris.

An autopsy showed that Cuff died as a result of a heart attack following a struggle at the Golden West Hotel on Monday night. He was aged 77 years and was a native of Ireland.

Arthur C. Holcomb, aged 17, and a farm laborer of Sutter county is being held by the Sacramento police for investigation.

Langley Dorris has been in Sacramento during the past few days assisting in the investigation and making funeral arrangements.

## Maternity Care Provided For 9328 In State

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 13.—Medical care for 9328 patients has been authorized during the first 6 months to January 1 of the operation of the Emergency Maternity and Infant Care program, the State Department of Public Health announces.

A report issued by Dr. Jessie M. Bierman, chief of the Bureau of Maternal and Child Health, states that the patients were cared for by 378 physicians in private practice and 239 California hospitals who are cooperating with the state and local health departments to provide maternity care for wives of service men and medical care for their sick infants.

Local health departments in the Los Angeles area have issued authorizations for the care of 2630 patients. Next highest are the Sacramento city and county health departments with 654 patients followed by the health departments in the Fresno area with 638 patients.

# ADVENTURES IN ITALY OF TWO ARMY NURSES

They have been wounded in action following the bombing of their hospital ship; they have received the Purple Heart; they have served the sick and wounded of the Italian campaign during the worst hurricane that ever struck the Italian coast; they have tended German and Italian prisoners in Army hospitals in Africa, following the defeat of the Axis; they have lived in tents and worn khaki overalls for more than a year.

These experiences, enough to try the soul of a hardened warrior, have been all in a day's work for Second Lieutenants Agnes and Madonna Nolan, of Oakland, Ill., sisters in the Army Nurse Corps who entered the Army a year and a half ago. Only 25 and 23 years old, respectively, pretty, the girls are enthusiastic about the corps that has allowed them to take care of the sick and wounded.

They left for Italy on the British hospital ship, Newfoundland, ten days after the first landings were made on the continent of Europe, but before they landed their ship was bombed, and they were temporarily returned to North Africa.

At 3 a. m. September 13, the ship, although clearly marked with bands of green lights and brilliantly illuminated red crosses, was hit directly. Agnes and Madonna were sleeping together on deck when the bombs fell and the concussion was so great that both suffered ear hemorrhages. There was no time for treatment. Donna was lowered on a litter to a lifeboat for transfer to another ship, while Agnes descended a ship's ladder. They were reunited aboard another hospital ship which took them to Bizerte to be outfitted with new overalls.

The two day trip back to Italy was made aboard an infantry landing craft which, the girls said, rolled and pitched so furiously that even the stoutest sailors were seasick.

Somewhere in Italy they settled down in their special tent city, with a bed capacity of more than 1000 patients, where the nurses were caring for twice as many patients as they had been accustomed in peacetime. But their tribulations were not over. Suddenly, almost a month after the torpedoing, they were struck by a terrific rain and electrical storm, in the midst of which the swirling cone of a coastal tornado swept into the center of the hospital area, demolishing every atom of the shelter. Darkness added to the confusion and although at dawn the hospital was a pitiful mess of torn ropes, collapsed tents and rain-soaked ejuipment, all patients were safe. Nurses, doctors and corpsmen joined in evacuating them to a nearby tobacco warehouse, with a barn and hay loft taking the overflow. Not a casualty resulted.

"It was the most dramatic demonstration of wartime medical efficiency at the front I have ever seen"

Brig. Gen. Frederick Blesse, chief surgeon of the Natousa, reported. "Nurses on duty jumped from their beds and waded barefoot through mud without bothering to find their shoes in the darkness. In one surgicaltent an operation on an injured leg was in progress. When the storm struck doctors and nurses calmly moved the patient under the operating table and just as the tent collapsed he was carried out to safety. In another tent they gave a blood transfusion in the midst of the confusion. Everybody was out of the ruined hospital and under shelter in two hours."

The girls are wearing the Purple Heart, awarded to them for the wounds they received during the torpedoing. They are among the first four nurses in that theatre of war to be so honored.

Nearly 50,000 war nurses, carrying on similar duties on all the fronts, have been recruited for the Army and Navy by the American Red Cross.

Under the EMIC program, medical and hospital maternity care, without cost to the family, is provided wives of men in the 4th, 5th, 6th and 7th grades of the Army, Navy, Marine Corps and Coast Guard. Similarly, any infant under 1 year whose father is a service man in these grades is entitled to care for serious illness. Bills of physicians, nurses and hospitals are paid from federal funds allocated the State Department of Public Health.

**NOTICE FOR AUTOMOBILE BIDS**

Sealed bids will be received to furnish the City of Nevada with an automobile to be used by the City Police Department, and a part of the consideration to be paid will be the credit allowed on the Ford Automobile now used by the City Police. Sealed bids will be received at the Nevada City Hall up to 8 o'clock P. M., Thursday, February 4th, 1944, at which place and time all bids will be opened and considered. The City of Nevada reserves the right to reject all bids.

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# TAXES GET THIRD OF STATE' 11 BILLION INCOME

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 17.—One third of California's estimated $11,000,000,000 income for the fiscal year 1943-44 will go for payment of federal, state and local taxes, according to an analysis made by the Tax Department of the California State Chamber of Commerce.

For the current fiscal year it is estimated that total tax collections in California—federal, state and local—will aggregate $3,660,000,000. Of this total $2,870,000,000 will consist of federal taxes collected in California. $470,000,000 will represent state taxes and $320,000,000 will be collected by the local governments in the form of property taxes.

In 1933-34 the report shows, total tax collections in California were $512,000,000 or 16.4 per cent of the income of the people. During the ensuing three fiscal years, the ratio of tax collections to income receded slightly, but since 1937-38 there has been a steady rise from year to year reaching a ratio of 19.3 per cent in 1940-41. In that year income of Californians was $5,578,000,000 and tax collections totaled $1,075,000,000, passing the billion dollar point for the first time in the history of the state.

For the fiscal year 1941-43, total tax collections were $1,508,000,000 from a total income of $6,716,000,000 or 22.4 per cent; and during the last fiscal year, Californians paid $2,227,000,000 in taxes, out of an income of $8,735,000,000, or 25.5 per cent.

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# WITH OUR BOYS IN GLOBAL WAR

**Jake Cereseto—**

Jake Cereseto of the U. S. Marines arrived from Oakland Thursday and is enjoying a visit with his cousin, Fritz Pitz and family and many friends. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Cereseto of Oakland, his mother being the former Miss Olga Kopp. His aunt and uncle are Mr. and Mrs. Louis Kopp, property holders here, now residing in the bay region.

**Lt. Oscar Odegaard—**

Friends in Nevada City have had a message from Lt. Oscar Odegaard. He is now stationed at Camp Williams, Arizona.

**Howard McWatters—**

Howard McWatters of Camp Roberts is enjoying a visit with his mother, Mrs. Lulu McCartney and other relatives of the Indian Flat district. He is accompanied by his wife and they are enjoying a delightful time; also calling on many friends.

**Capt. J. R. Topic—**

Friends in Nevada City heard from Captain John R. Topic, local doctor for about two years before entering the service, he is still somewhere in Alaska. He writes he and his wife are expecting a "little eskimo" before long; which will be happy news to his wide circle of friends here.

**Mike Pascoe—**

Mike Pascoe, formerly of Alleghany, who just received his medical discharge from the U. S. armed forces spent two days in Nevada City last week visiting friends. He has been in the South Pacific, Pascoe left here for the bay district where he will enter war work.

**Pfc. Bill Laird—**

Pfc. Bill Laird, who enlisted in the U. S. Marine Corps less than a year ago, is thought to be in New Caledonia. He speaks of seeing Cpl. Ray Wilde and other Nevada City youths. In his last letter to his mother Mrs. Paul Judkovich, of Park avenue he asked her to send him his boots and a nice lot of snow. It is just the beginning of summertime where he is and he finds it extremely warm.

**LaVerne Smart—**

LeVerne Smart, who left Nevada City about a year ago, is in the New Caledonia area, and when last seen by Pfc. Bill Laird, was a telephone operator.

**Lester Hubbard—**

Lester Hubbard in the U. S. Navy has had a trip across the United States in the last few months. He was sent to Maryland where he took up special work and then to Salton Sea. Now he is stationed at San Pedro where he is an instructor in athletics.

**Lynn Davies—**

Lynn Davies, U. S. Marine Corps, who is stationed at Camp Pendleton near San Diego, is spending some time here visiting his wife and child and other relatives. Davies was police officer of this city for several years. He was also engaged in war work before entering service. He was a former garage man here and is enjoying meeting a wide circle of friends.

## BORN

PERRIN—In Grass Valley, Nevada County, January 12, 1944, to Mr. and Mrs. Louis Perrin of Forest Springs, a son.

THOMPSON—In Grass Valley, Nevada County, January 11, 1044, to Lieut. and Mrs. W. I. Thompson of Colfax, Placer County, a son.

**LIEUT. COL. GOVE CELIO**

**This is a picture of a Nevada City boy who has made good in a flying fortress in many a bombing raid over Germany. He has been in training and in service for nearly four years. A message to his father, Gove Celio Sr., brought the good news last week that young Gove wears the ensignia of a lieutenant colonel in the U. S. Army 8th Air Corps based in England.**

# GRASS VALLEY MINERS WIN DOUBLE HEADER

The result of the basketball games between the Grass Valley Miners and Nevada City Yelowjackets A and B teams was B game — Grass Valley Miners 33, Nevada City Yellow Jackets 17.

A game—Miners, 35, 'Jackets, 9.

The biggest crowd of the season filled the Nevada City High School gymnasium to watch Nevada higr's two quints attempt to stem the onrushing Miners.

The fast pace set by both squads however proved to have a wearing down point which was reflected when Grass Valley in the closing minutes of the first half, rounding out 16 points to Nevada City's 6.

In the second half the locals crept up on the Miners with better basket marksmanship but were unable to cut down the substantial tallying which resulted in a final score of 35 to 17.

Ramos was high point man for the Jackets with a total of 6, followed by Atkins 5, Ronningen 2, McGuire 2, Ruth 2; Rozynski, Stroh, and Davis.

Lean was high man for the Miner B's, with a total of 13 points, followed by Trathen 9; Ali 4; Frye 3; Ingram 2; George 2; Peterson, Crase, Langdon, B. Fisher and Harris.

Nevada City's Yellowjackets faced by a team just too fast on offensive and rock-wall in defensive, fought gamely in a second half which gave them but 5 points to the visitors 21. At the end of the first half the score stood 14 to 4 in favor of the Miners; at the end of the third quarter the electric sign board showed a 24 to 5 tally and when the final buzzer sounded the total of 9 scored by the 'Jackets was diminutive compared to the 35 for Grass Valley.

Helme, Bernard, Molthen, Ronningen and Hawkins worked hard and tirelessly to break through Grass Valley's protection and did well when in enemy territory.

Painter, forward, captain of the visitors, was a continual menace and hooked long shots from deep corners.

Point scores—Nevada City—Helme 3; Bernard 2; Hawkins 2; Fontana 1; Walker 1; Moore, Molthen, Ronningen.

Grass Valley—Painter 10; Metz 6; Penaluna 6; Bennallack 4; Harris 4; Pasteris 2; Eder 2; Boggus 1; Harries, Lippi, Hyatt, Brunker and Rose.

# W. MAYHOFFER ASSIGNED TO AMADOR

William Mayhoffer, who has been assistant soil conservationist in this county for two years, has been transferred by the Department of Agriculture to Amador County.

In his new post he expects to promote a soil conservation district as he has done in Nevada County. It was largely through his efforts that the Nevada County Soil Conservation District was organized in December. The board of directors recently elected Clarence Gassaway to be the chairman.

Mayhoffer states that for the time being he will make his headquarters in Placerville, El Dorado County. Who will take his place in Nevada County has not been announced.

# THAOE FOREST EDITOR REVIEWS XMAS TREE FLOP

In the current issue of The Tahoe Sentinel, a mimeographed newspaper circulated among the staff of the Tahoe National Forest here and edited by Guerdon Ellis, forest supervisor, and Ellwood M. Stone, chief fire dispatcher, in an editorial by the latter that puts the Christmas three harvest and market debacle in a somewhat different light than usually thrown on it by commentators. The editorial follows:

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You will recall our mention of a prosperous Christmas tree business. The only prosperity enjoyed was by those fortunate enough to sell their trees wholesale near the cutting area at the fabulous price of 40-60 cents per lineal foot. The retail tribe who planned on convincing John Warworker that his home needed Christmas greenery at $1.50 per root, slept out in the cold—and it was cold. Several days before Christmas large San Francisco bay lots displayed signs inviting people to help themselves. This condition was general throughout the country. Without question more trees were cut than in other any year in the history of the Christmas tree business. We know that thousands of trees were cut and hauled to market that could not possibly be considered Christmas trees normally.

We know personally of instances where men who had never bought or sold a tree before in their lives entered the business this year in the hope of striking a second Klondike, another Virginia City and its Comstock riches. Alas a Weepah of disappointment was eheir reward.

The sad results are being editorially heaped on our heads—an agency famed for conservation practices. We get the total credit for the greatest Christmas tree slaughter since man developed a love for spruce-balm odor in his living room during the holiday season. In reality the approximate 100 thousand trees sold from U. S. and privately owned land in Tahoe Forest did not materially affect the market as a whole.

As we view it Farmer Jones cannot very well be held to blame for a demoralized potato market because all his neighbors chose the year 1943 to grow potatoes.

# FORTRESS PILOT BELIEVED SAFE IN SWEDEN

Mrs. Audrey Tomer, whose husband, Lieut. Edward H. Tomer of the U. S. Army 8th Air Corps, was reported missing in action following the Marienburg raid in Germany on October 9th, now believes that he may be living in Sweden.

Mrs. Tomer has received a letter from Clarence P. Cavanaugh, brother of Lieut. Tomers navigator, Lieut. W. V. Cavanaugh, stating that he had information that the plane, in which Lieuts. Tomer and Cavanaugh made the attack "was not shot up badly" and when last seen was heading for Sweden. According to the letter "it is now known that the plane did reach Sweden. since a letter from War Department directed to the wife of one the crew stated that a landing was made there and all the crew members were aboard." But it was not known whether some of them had not been wounded or killed in the air battle over Marienburg. Two other fortresses also landed in Sweden following the raid.

The writer declared that while neutral countries may immediately report the dead, and in fact Sweden did report on Lieut. Tomer's crew dead, the rejort has yet been received as regards others on the same plane, and he believed it a fair assumption that they landed alive and are now being held under neutrality laws.

Mrs. Tomer lives on Park Avenue with her sister, Mrs. Marjorie Sanders, and is the mother of a three month's old baby whom its father has never seen.

## THIMBLE CLUB MEETS

Champion Circle of Woodcraft Thimble Club held a meeting in Banner Mt. Post veterans hall Thursday afternoon. After a busy session lodge adjourned and cards were enjoyed. Prize winners were Mrs. Annie Browning, Mrs. Minnie Young and Mrs. Adelaide O'Connor. Mrs. Catherine Williams is president of the sewing club.

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The floor of San Francisco's Veterans Building auditorium can be tilted to afford a clear view of the stage or levelled into a dance floor.

# WENDELL ROBIE TO SIT ON STATE FORESTRY BOARD

AUBURN, Jan. 17. — Governor Earl Warren has announced the appointment of Wendell T. Robie of Auburn as a member of the state board of foresty. Robie was named along with four other new appointments and two reappointments in a complete reorganization of the state board by the governor.

Robie, vice president and manager of the Auburn Lumber company with lumber interests also in Colfax, Newcastle, Loomis, Truckee, Nevada City, Davis and Woodland has had many years experience in the lumber business. He is a member of the American Foresters and was named to represent the general public on the state forestry board. This will be Robie's second term on the board, having served during the administration of Governor Frank Merriam. While on the forestry board he was instrumental in obtaining additional fire fighting equipment for this and other forest districts of California. He was one of the authors of the law turned down by a small margin by the voters at the last state election which would have given the state a forestry board with staggered terms of office among other things. This law had the backing of the state chamber of commerce but was frowned upon by those working in the state division of forestry.

Under the present law all members of the forestry board serve at the pleasure of the governor. The board is non salaried and acts as a policy making agency, advisory to the state forester and the division of forestry.

# Personal

Mr. and Mrs. Ross Taylor of Downieville were recent Nevada City visitors. Taylor, mining engineer, continued on to Sacramento for a few days stay while Mrs. Taylor remained here on business.

Mrs. Theodore Nelson, still receiving praise for her splendid work in as installing officer at the installation of newly elected officers of Colfax Rebekah lodge. Mrs. Nelson is a member of Neva Rebekah lodge of this city.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter St. John and son of Berkeley spent the past week end in Nevada City visiting relatives and friends. They came specially to visit Mrs. St. John's brother, Lieut. Elbridge Skeahan, who is here on furlough from Washington, D. C. He leaves this week for Seattle, where he will continue in the postal division of the U. S. forces.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Rozynski have purchased the Byron Lake home on Gethsemene street in this city and expect to move into it the first of February. They are doing considerable remodeling and renovating. Mr. and Mrs. Rozynski have resided in the Willow Valley section for many years before moving to Nevada City.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Tredennick of Clay street have gone to Sacramento to visit for a time.

Considerable remodeling and renovating is being done on the house purchased recently by Mr. and Mrs. Ed Murchie. It is expected they will be able to move into their home February first.

## MISSING

Major General Boyington, Marine Corps fighter pilot from Okanogan, Wash., who was reported missing after shooting down his 26th Japanese plane in a raid over Rabaul, Jan. 3 to tie the record set by Major Joe Foss, another Marine, in this war, and Captain Eddie Rickenbacher, of the Army, in World War I.

# Show Your Colors

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